

In page 3, replace the paragraph beginning in line 19 with the following paragraphs.

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**Brief Description of the Drawings**

Fig. 1 shows a comparison of antimitotic activity of Hemiasterlins with that of known antimitotic agents.

Fig. 2 shows the antimitotic activity of chemically modified Hemiasterlins.

**Detailed Description of the Invention**

Preferably,  $R_1$  represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group, especially a methyl group. More preferably,  $R_1$  represents a hydrogen atom.

In page 24, please replace Table 2 with the substitute Table 2 attached.

In pages 52 and 53, replace Table 4 with the substitute Table 4 attached.

Please insert the attached Abstract.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 1-4 as shown below.